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New international humanitarian order

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/124 of 9 December 1998 and other pertinent resolutions[1] relating to the promotion of the new international humanitarian order and international cooperation in the humanitarian field,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the new international humanitarian order[2] and his previous reports[3] containing comments and views of Governments as well as of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Bearing in mind the reports of the Secretary-General[4] as well as other pertinent reports made in the context of the Millennium Summit,

Noting with deep concern the continuing trend of systematic violations of humanitarian and human rights law, which lead ultimately and inevitably to emergency situations,

Noting with appreciation the emphasis placed by the Secretary-General on promoting compliance in the field of international humanitarian and human rights law and the arrangements being made by him to ensure an active follow-up to his views and suggestions in this regard,

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[1] Resolution 36/136, 37/201, 38/125, 40/126, 42/120, 42/121, 43/129, 43/131, 45/100, 45/102, 47/106, 49/170 and 51/174.
[2] A/55/545.
[3] A/37/145, A/38/450, A/40/358 and Add.1 and 2, A/41/472, A/43/734 and Add.1, A/45/524, A/47/352, A/49/577 and Corr.1, A/51/454 and A/53/486.
[4] A/54/619 and A/54/2000.

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Recognizing that the ultimate aim of all humanitarian assistance should be to save human lives and facilitate the transition to rehabilitation and reconstruction in order to enable recipients to achieve self-sufficiency as soon as possible and that, to this end, a series of measures need to be taken, including, in particular, local capacity-building, good governance and conduct of States as well as non-State actors in accordance with universally accepted humanitarian norms and principles,

Recognizing, in addition, the urgent need to further strengthen international cooperation and solidarity in the humanitarian field,

1. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continuing support for efforts to promote a new international humanitarian order;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to promote compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law, norms and principles in situations of armed conflict and complex emergencies;

3. *Urges* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as non-state actors to extend cooperation and provide support to the efforts of the Secretary-General in this regard;

4. *Invites* Governments to make available to the Secretary-General, on a voluntary basis, information and expertise on humanitarian problems of concern to them, in order to identify opportunities for future action, to ensure preparedness for an effective and speedy response to humanitarian challenges and, when necessary, to establish expert groups at the regional or international level in order to analyse these problems and make recommendations for action;

5. *Invites* the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues to continue and further strengthen its activities, including cooperation with the United Nations system;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain in contact with Governments, and relevant international and non-governmental organizations concerned and to report to it at its fifty-seventh session on the progress made concerning promotion of a new humanitarian order and compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law in armed conflicts and emergency situations.